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KEPR-TV QUARTERLY REPORT

1st QUARTER 2012

Crime

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/1/12

Duration:

Description: Local police have arrested a man wanted for a murder in Milton Freewater. A viewer snapped this picture as George Craigen was arrested at a gas station in Walla

Walla.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/2/12

Duration:

Description: A five hour standoff in Kennewick just over an hour ago with the suspect taken away in an ambulance. The police telling us it started as a botched robbery. It all went down at the Village apartments on the corner of North Volland and West Hood.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/2/12

Duration:

Description: George Craigen has been arrested by the Walla Walla police in the shooting death of Cecil "rob" Carter last Friday morning.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/3/12

Duration:

Description: The Pasco man accused of shooting his neighbor over a dog dispute -- has now pleaded not guilty to felony assault. Police say Froilan Campos-Gonzalez, Jr. shot his neighbor in the stomach during a fight.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/6/12

Duration:

Description: Pair of Park Middle-School students are lucky to come away with just scrapes and bruises after being hit by a car. With a driver who couldn't see out the windshield. Police say a Kennewick driver slammed into the two as they were making their way to school this morning.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date:

Duration:

Description: breaking news out of Hermiston .KEPR has learned a man is dead following a shooting at a convenience store.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/9/12

Duration:

Description: A man having part of his ear bitten off outside a Kennewick bar. Police tells us a weekend bar fight spilled into the street outside the Sports Page around closing time. Officers report Erik Pelayo-Vera took off about a quarter of another man ' ear.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/9/12

Duration

Description: The Pasco man who admitted to brutally killing his sister this past summer will wait a little longer for his sentencing. Aaron Velasco now has until January 31st to find out his fate.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/10/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to follow the shooting in Hermiston we first told you about last night.

22-year old Salvador Valencia was killed in his SUV outside the "GottaStop" mini-mart on West Highland.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/10/12

Duration:

Description: a Pasco man is accused of raping a four-year old on Christmas. Kennewick Police had been searching for 26-year old Gregorio Aliniz since the day after.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/10/12

Duration:

Description: the Kennewick man who had part of his ear bitten off outside a bar this weekend. Logan Booth and his friend's say they were jumped by a group of guys they'd had words with earlier in the night.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/11/12

Duration:

Description: following up on the deadly shooting outside a Hermiston mini-mart this week. We've learned three-people are now in custody. 22-year-old Salvador Valencia was found dead in his S-U-V outside Gotta Stop on West Highland Avenue

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/11/12

Duration:

Description: A suspected home invader is behind bars thanks to security cameras at local businesses. Detectives believe Mark Williams is one of the three men who forced their way into a Kennewick home last month -- tying the people up and stealing cash, drugs, and cell phones.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/12/12

Duration:

Description: the man accused of biting off a portion of Aman's ear outside a Kennewick bar.

This is the damage officers say was left behind. It's why Erik Pelayo-Vera was arraigned on third assault charges.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/12/12

Duration:

Description: The women who kidnapped someone over a missing cell phone -- will now be cleaning our roadways the next couple months.

The trio opted for a plea deal on second degree kidnapping charges.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/13/12

Duration:

Description: found out there's a questing about whether your tax dollars were misused in Umatilla County. Umatilla Prosecutors may pursue criminal charges over an issue at Two Rivers Correctional Institution. Food Services manager Mike Mathisen was put on paid leave in May during an investigation into misconduct. He resigned in November.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/17/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to cover the murder trial of Jose Garcia Morales. It's been pushed back again -- to mid-March.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/18/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to cover updates on a murder case out of West Pasco that we first broke last night. KEPR spoke with the Franklin County prosecutor about the arrest of Todd Stuart -- whose wife is already charged with first degree murder.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/25/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to cover the case of a nanny -- accused of killing a Richland toddler.

The trial for Kelli Jacobsen was pushed back to March at the earliest

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/25/12

Duration:

Description: A Pasco man on trial for murder is now at risk of losing his attorneys. Jose Garcia-Morales has not talked to his lawyers in months. It's widely suspected this is all just a stunt to go after an insanity defense -- but it's caused his court dates to be pushed back.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/27/12

Duration:

Description: an 80-year old woman was found dead inside her mobile home. The home is at Sun Meadows Mobile Home park off Highway-395 -- on West 19th.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/27/12

Duration:

Description: A former police officer cop will spend the next decade in prison for scrim. Ryan Graichen was sentenced on seven-counts.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/27/12

Duration:

Description: Law enforcement tore through a Hermiston crime den yesterday morning. Two-dozen officers from five agencies came together to flush out what they describe as a hotbed of criminal activity.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/28/12

Duration:

Description: The 87-year-old was found dead on Friday--- and less than 24-hours later Kennewick police have arrested their main suspect--- the victim's own grandson.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/29/12

Duration:

Description: A hit and ran accident in Richland turned into a wild night for police. It started with a D-U-I crash--- and ended with thousands of dollars' worth of damage at a local golf course.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/30/12

Duration:

Description: an accused murderer in court today. And now, KEPR has uncovered the graphic details centering on the murder of a Kennewick grandmother. The woman's own grandson is in jail -- accused in her death on Friday.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/30/12

Duration:

Description: The woman accused of crashing her car in a Richland golf course was in court today on a litany of charges. Alison Lambie choked back tears as she was read the charges of: D-U-I, hit and run, property damage, drug possession, and driving without a license.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/30/12

Duration:

Description: Police are still looking for the crooks who robbed a Kennewick Round Table Pizza last night -- while the restaurant was still open.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/31/12

Duration:

Description: a Pasco man received his prison sentence after admitting he killed his sister with a machete. Aaron Velasco will spend 15 years in prison.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/31/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to follow the recent robberies of two local pizza joints. Police believe they could be connected. In Sunday's robbery at the Kennewick Round Table -- two men held up workers *with gun, but didn't get any money.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/2/12

Duration:

Description: nine-people are on leave from Franklin County Public Works. The head of accounting is now in jail. And the State Attorney General's Office is digging into the books.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/3/12

Duration:

Description: The community was shocked to learn a trusted county employee was accused of stealing public money. And today -- I learned that figure is mind-boggling. Possibly more than a million dollars of your money -- taken from Franklin County Public Works. This is the man accused of taking your money -- 65-year old Dennis Huston.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/7/12

Duration:

Description: He's accused of stealing more than a million dollars in taxpayer money. But tonight, he is a free man. Good evening. Thank you for joining us. We begin tonight with a shocking twist in the theft case out of Franklin County.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/7/12

Duration:

Description: 71-year old George Ardizzone is behind bars at Two Rivers in Oregon and has been found guilty of asking a fellow inmate to kill his ex-girlfriend.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/8/12

Duration:

Description: The Franklin County official suspected of stealing your money -- has now lost his job as well. Dennis Huston was fired in a unanimous vote from county leaders. He had been the head of accounting for Public Works.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/9/12

Duration:

Description: KEPR continues to peel back the layers on the former Franklin County official under suspicion of ripping you off. Dennis Huston remains free tonight, but multiple criminal charges are pending. Tonight -- I gained access to these documents. Of the previous case against him for theft of government money.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/10/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to push for more information in the case against Dennis Huston
The former Franklin County Public Works official is still a free man, despite being accused of stealing more than a million dollars in tax payer money. He was released Tuesday, while the state builds its case against him.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/10/12

Duration:

Description: It's hard to impersonate an officer, if you don't look the part. But Franklin County deputies arrested a man last night who tried anyway. They say Jeffrey Yates had pulled over another driver on 395, claiming to be a cop

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/11/12

Duration:

Description: police in Hermiston are looking for two people who robbed a bank on Friday evening. This is surveillance video of those suspects. It happened at the Old West Federal Credit Union on First Street.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/12/12

Duration:

Description: Pasco police now think they know who shot a man at Chevron station this week. Have a look at him--- he's 24-year-old Isidro Licon.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/12/12

Duration:

Description: jury selection in the case of Gregorio Luna Luna. He's the man of accused of killing the mother of his child in Pasco back in 2010.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/15/12

Duration:

Description: A jury was seated today -- and opening statements begin tomorrow. Luna Luna is charged with killing the mother of his child back in 2010

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/15/12

Duration:

Description: Another former Fluor Hanford manager is going down for abusing his P-Card. West Richland's Paul Kempf was sentenced to nearly four-years in prison and fined nearly half a million dollars for his role in defrauding the government.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/16/12

Duration:

Description: Arguments in a first degree murder trial began today in Franklin County. Gregorio Luna Luna is accused of killing the mother of his child back in 2010.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/16/12

Duration:

Description: The woman accused of murdering her mother appeared in Franklin County Court today. Tashia Stuart's attorney is hoping to move her to the Benton County jail instead.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/16/12

Duration:

Description: A couple of Moses Lake girls are accused of trying to burn their mother to death.

The teenagers face attempted murder charges. Moses Lake officers arrested a 16 and 17-year-old. Investigators say the girls drenched the bathroom door with gasoline while their mom was inside -- and tried sparking a flame.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/17/12

Duration:

Description: There are still no answers and still no leads in the unsettling murder of a pregnant mother. She was shot to death in front of her daughter while unloading groceries outside her apartment in Mattawa

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/17/12

Duration:

Description: The Walla Walla Sheriff's office chased a vehicle *full of fugitives overnight -- catching several wanted criminals. The chase started with a car stolen out of the Tri-Cities.

The pursuit ended with the car wrecking on Highway-332 and Winesap.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/17/12

Duration:

Description: A pursuit in Kennewick resulted in a high-speed chase all over town. Officers used spike strips to put a stop to it. They were tailing a 24-year old from Prosser who refused to pull over. The chase began near Tenth and Olympia.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/17/12

Duration:

Description: A Franklin County inmate died from drinking too much water. The Coroner's office tells KEPR that a pair of tests from two separate labs confirmed Henry Montelongo drank between 30 and 40 glasses of water --overwhelming his body.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/20/12

Duration:

Description: Two fugitives had to be hospitalized after causing their *second car wreck in

less than a week. Vernon Johnson and Miranda York have been on the run from local authorities since Thursday night -- when Walla Walla deputies say they spotted them and two accomplices in a car stolen out of the Tri-Cities

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/22/12

Duration:

Description: the man accused of murdering his grandmother. Adam Williams is still being held at a psychiatric hospital -- but his attorney was in court today.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/22/12

Duration:

Description: the murder of a West Pasco woman nearly a year ago. Todd Stuart is officially charged with trying to kill his mother-in-law. He had been living in California and made his first court appearance today.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/27/12

Duration:

Description: It was one of the three-homicides in Pasco back in 2010 -- and now a jury has convicted a man for the murder of Griselda Ocampo Mesa. After a very quick deliberation -- the jury found Gregorio Luna Luna guilty of first degree murder.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/27/12

Duration:

Description: A Bio-feedback employee is paying the price for pocketing her employer's cash.

Police say a search warrant at the home of Kennewick's Teresa Salinas left them with more than enough evidence to charge her with theft.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/28/12

Duration:

Description: we're still uncovering clues to the massive fraud case, of a Franklin County worker accused of stealing more than a million dollars in taxpayer money. It turns out the F-B-I had looked into Dennis Huston a few years ago.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/28/12

Duration:

Description: Gregorio Luna Luna is now set to serve life in prison. The same jury who convicted him of murder. Also found him guilty of aggravated circumstances.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/28/12

Duration:

Description: The Pasco man accused of helping his wife kill her mother made an

appearance in court today. Todd Stuart is accused of attempted murder. Attorneys asked to have his bail lowered to a tenth of what it sits at.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/28/12

Duration:

Description: an update on the Pasco man accused of shooting his neighbor in a fight over a dog. Froilan Campos-Gonzales will go on trial in late April.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/28/12

Duration:

Description: t's a guilty plea of vehicular homicide for the Kennewick woman charged with causing a fatal crash in Pasco nearly a year and a half ago. Lori Christensen admitted she'd been drinking when she hit and killed Orlando Abarca-Rivera back in September of 2010.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/28/12

Duration:

Description: Six teenagers are being blamed for a drive by shooting last night in a st Kennewick -- that shot up South Hawthorne. No one was hurt, but bullets struck two-homes.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/29/12

Duration:

Description: Another man is under arrest in connection to Monday's drive by shooting in Kennewick. Police brought 20-year old Eduardo Roldan in on charges of criminal assistance.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/29/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to cover the death of a Richland toddler. Today -- the nanny accused of killing little Ryder Morrison was in court.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/2/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to cover the former Franklin County Public Works official, accused of stealing from taxpayers. Through a public records request -- we've now learned a grand jury investigation was looking into Dennis Huston as far back as 2009.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/2/12

Duration:

Description: another round of arrests from Monday's drive-by shooting on South Hawthorne. Kennewick Police say shots rang out that night as gang members attacked

their rivals.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/5/12

Duration:

Description: a Hermiston man is being blamed for holding up a Dairy Queen last week. He made off with more than just Blizzards.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/6/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to follow the suspected million dollar fraud case in Franklin County. Last week, we told you about an FBI investigation following an anonymous letter left at a county leader's office. Now KEPR has a copy of that letter.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/6/12

Duration:

Description: Cops think a Pasco man tried to make a quick buck -- and all he got was bounty on his head. Crime-Stoppers say 22-year old Tatum Cobra showed up at his cousin's apartment, gun drawn.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/7/12

Duration:

Description: new details about the brutal murder of a Pasco man. Officers believe 53-year old Rodger Lincoln was killed by the roommate he was assigned through a mental health rehab program. Lincoln was found dead in his lawn Tuesday night -- after neighbors witnessed a fight between Lincoln and 27-year old Joseph Hart.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/7/12

Duration:

Description: -- Kennewick is also responding to recent incidents involving bad behavior. One included a toy gun brought to an elementary school -- the other YouTube video with a child brandishing weapons.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/7/12

Duration:

Description: A brash armed robber has Pasco police asking for any witnesses to please come forward. Court Street's Carniceria La Ba-rata was held up at gun-point around 8-30last night.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/8/12

Duration:

Description: the case of a Richland daycare worker accused of raping a child. The trial for Lucas Miller was pushed back another week. He's set to go before a jury on March 26-th --

for one count of rape of child.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/9/12

Duration:

Description: A Pasco man now faces second-degree murder charges for the brutal stabbing of his roommate. Franklin County prosecutors say Joseph Hart killed 53-year old Rodger Lincoln.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/9/12

Duration:

Description: The Walla Walla Sheriff's Department tells KEPR a subpoena to Facebook has been ignored. Deputies are trying to uncover the true identity of the person behind last week's threat towards Burbank student

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/12/12

Duration:

Description: Serial numbers ratted out a Kennewick gun thief. Officers received a call from a potential buyer, telling them Anthony Rosales was trying to sell him a pair of hot hand-guns.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/13/12

Duration:

Description: The man accused in the brutal stabbing death of his roommate in Pasco was arraigned in court today. Joseph Hart pleaded NOT guilty to second degree murder in the stabbing death of Roger Lincoln last Tuesday night. His attorney didn't ask for a mental evaluation for Hart, but says those details will come out in trial.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/13/12

Duration:

Description: A Walla Walla man accused of shooting a police informant to death has been charged with murder. Prosecutors say Daniel Dodd murdered Kevin Myrick on his front lawn last June because he feared he'd testify as a witness in a case they were building against his girlfriend.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/13/12

Duration:

Description: Lori Ann Christensen made a brief appearance in court today. She pleaded guilty last week to vehicular homicide. And today she asked the judge to lather out of jail so she could get her medical records.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/14/12

Duration:

Description: The woman charged with second-degree murder in the shooting death of her mother was in court today. Attorneys for Tasha Stuart told the court they need more time to fill the state's request for DNA samples taken from bullet casings left at the murder scene.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/16/12

Duration:

Description: An accused tool thief in Richland is now safely in custody. Police say 38-year-old Chad Quigley is accused of hitting at least four construction trailers, and stealing more than 60-thousand dollars' worth of tools and equipment.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/16/12

Duration:

Description: A Hermiston family is desperate for any news on their missing teen. 19 year old Stephen Smith disappeared this Wednesday. He was last seen at the "Got to Stop" off Highway 2-0-7 -- after making an unusual bank withdrawal 15-minute earlier at Oregon First Community Credit Union.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/17/12

Duration:

Description: We have new information tonight on a teen missing from Hermiston---And the news is *not good. 19-year-old Stephen Smith was last seen Wednesday at a bank in Hermiston.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/20/12

Duration:

Description: A Kennewick woman guilty of first degree vehicular homicide will spend almost 8 years behind bars. A Franklin County judge today handed down the sentence for Lori Ann Christensen connected to a deadly accident in September 20-10.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/20/12

Duration:

Description: Also in court today. The husband of a Pasco woman accused of shooting and killing her mother. Todd Stuart is already facing accessory to attempted murder. But the prosecutors set to add the additional charge of murder one in the death of his mother-in-law Judy Hebert.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/21/12

Duration:

Description: We begin tonight with the latest in that massive fraud case in Franklin County. KEPR has just received word that formal civil charges have been filed against Dennis Huston. And his wife. Criminal charges will be coming from the state Attorney General's office.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/21/12

Duration:

Description: The Pasco man accused in a two-hour SWAT standoff yesterday. Was in court today. José Contreras is being held on suspicion of burglary and unlawful possession of a firearm. Both are felonies.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/22/12

Duration:

Description: Dennis Huston remains a free man tonight, seven weeks after he was first accused of stealing over 3-million dollars in taxpayer money. The county has filed a lawsuit, to try and recoup some of that, but tonight we're learning there may be OTHERS involved.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/26/12

Duration:

Description: After three separate closed-door sessions today, Commissioners fired another employee. Tim Fife was the Public Works Director. And Guy Walters, Public Works Administrator, was placed on unpaid administrative leave, effective immediately.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/26/12

Duration:

Description: The trial of Jose Garcia Morales finally began today. He's charged with helping his brother gun down a Pasco couple at their home in December of '08.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/27/12

Duration:

Description: The multi-million dollar case of fraud in Franklin County continues to unfold. KEPR has obtained a copy of the anonymous letter left at Franklin County Commissioner Rick Miller's doorstep, warning him that an employee may have been embezzling taxpayer money.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/27/12

Duration:

Description: Day 2 of the Jose Garcia Morales murder trial. We were there as one of his accusers took the stand. Erica Garcia Ramirez told the court about the night her parents were shot three years ago.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/28/12

Duration:

Description: the trial continues for accused murderer José Garcia-Morales in Pasco. The daughter of the victim, Marisela Garcia Ramirez, took the stand, contradicting what her sister said in court yesterday.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/28/12

Duration:

Description: the Pasco woman accused of murdering her mother last year. Tashia Stuart waived her right to a speedy trial.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/28/12

Duration:

Description: A day-long pursuit by Richland Police finally nabbed a drug and burglary suspect. Justin Barrett was first spotted on Jadwin. He was wanted on several outstanding warrants. But when officers closed in, he managed to get away by ducking into local businesses.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/29/12

Duration:

Description: It's day four of the Jose Garcia Morales murder trial in Franklin County. The prosecution called their last few witnesses and more evidence was reviewed before they rested their case.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/30/12

Duration:

Description: Convicted killer Gregorio Luna found out today he will spend the rest of his life in prison without parole.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/30/12

Duration:

Description: Also at the Franklin County Courthouse today. The murder trial of Jose Garcia-Morales. The defense called a few witnesses to the stand -- but Ramon Garcia-Morales wasn't one of them.

Economy:

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/10/12

Duration:

Description: Franklin County has seen a major drop in evictions last year. Two years ago nearly 150 people in Franklin County were evicted, but last year it dropped to just under 100.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/11/12

Duration:

Description: some Lourdes employees were unexpectedly hit with pink slip this morning in

Pasco. They cut 19 positions today. Most at the management level.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/17/12

Duration:

Description: Big weekend events in the Tri-Cities may just seem like a traffic headache for most of us, but tourists spend over 350 million dollars in the Tri-Cities every year. Budget cuts have made it harder for tourism industries to rake in the dough.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/23/12

Duration:

Description: Swimming is probably the last thing you're thinking about -- but KEPR spotted a trend in Pasco. More people are hitting the pools in the summer.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/27/12

Duration:

Description: we learned Richland 'scoffers saw a hefty withdrawal.67-thousand dollars was spent on keeping you safe and the roads clear.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/31/12

Duration:

Description: A contractor with the Umatilla Chemical Depot has been hit with fines for violations while destroying dangerous chemical weapons. The Department of Environmental Quality says twice last year -- the Washington De-militarization Company broke the limit on carbon monoxide emissions*and never monitored the air quality.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/2/12

Duration:

Description: donations started pouring in to local Planned Parenthood Clinics after word spread that a well-known charity was pulling funding. The Susan G. Komen Foundation decided to stop paying for breast cancer screenings held at clinics across the nation

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/7/12

Duration:

Description: Last year, demand sky-rocketed at the Tri-Cities food bank. We learned the number of people getting help surged by 20 percent --translating to an extra thousand people last year.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/9/12

Duration:

Description: The new Southridge Sports Complex is just a few weeks away from opening and KEPR discovered every weekend is booked for tournaments until August.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/10/12

Duration:

Description: Benton County is hoping to keep two-firefighters on the job -- despite grant money running out. A federal grant paid the salaries for the added firefighters starting five-years ago.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/17/12

Duration:

Description: West Richland has some major road work planned for Keene Road, and it will be at a minimal cost to you. The city received another federal grant to help pay for the project.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/20/12

Duration:

Description: In just one night. A 10-cent spike in prices at the pump. The cost of gas in the Tri-Cities broke the all-time record for February today, topping out at 3-dollars and 42-cents.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/20/12

Duration:

Description: A weekend of winter wine tasting is wrapping up throughout the valley his holiday weekend. The annual Red Wine and Chocolate lived up to the hype for wineries. Some business owners say they saw their best sales in years.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/21/12

Duration:

Description: Benton County is getting tougher on teen criminals who refuse to pay their court bills. Each year, three million dollars is lost because teens don't pay their court fines.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/21/12

Duration:

Description: Events are coming in by the droves to the Convention Center in Kennewick. A record 32-million dollars will be generated from local conventions this year. A quarter of that money will be poured into the general fund for things like road repairs.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/25/12

Duration:

Description: Seven city managers in under ten years. A special meeting was held Saturday to find yet *another city manager. Current City Manager Mark Gervasi announced his resignation earlier this month. The stakes couldn't be higher.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/25/12

Duration:

Description: Tri-Cities' only-remaining record stores will be closing. Kennewick's "R and P" Record Store had been open for 28 years. The store's owner says he's closing down because of health reasons.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/2/12

Duration:

Description: Kennewick is saving nearly 40-grand a year, by not issuing animal licenses. It saves on printing costs and frees up employees.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/4/12

Duration:

Description: It looks like progress is finally being made on construction project that was stopped two-years ago in Richland. Developers say a high-rise hotel will replace a planned apartment community on G-W Way near Swift. We're told it'll be a Hilton Property that gives views of the Columbia River.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/4/12

Duration:

Description: We are also keeping you updated on the mid-Columbia library opening up in West Pasco. Construction will start on Road 76 and Wrigley at the end of this month. The new library is expected to be finished by September.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/4/12

Duration:

Description: Spring may be around the corner, but Action News discovered last month's snow still had an impact on Kennewick. Before the storm, Kennewick workers thought the town's salt supply would last through next year.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/4/12

Duration:

Description: We begin tonight as KEPR is still following the problems that sent hundreds away from the weekend caucuses. As many as 15-hundred people may not have had the chance to vote after crowds overwhelmed the Tri-Cities Convention Center.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/22/12

Duration:

Description: The city of Richland is saying good-bye to paper and hello to more technology. It's signed a 69-thousand dollar contract to develop a completely paper-free plan.

Local Education:

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/3/12

Duration:

Description: a new trend that's pushing the limits in middle school hallways -- kids making a game out groping each other. It's even started at Carmichael Middle School in Richland. With a

game the students call grab-rear Wednesdays.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/3/12

Duration:

Description: The state supreme court gives lawmakers an "F" when it comes to paying to educate our kids. The court said today the legislature is failing schools, not meeting its duty to fully fund basic education. The ruling upheld a king county decision that calls on lawmakers to come up with a full-funding plan that must be in place by 2018.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/5/12

Duration:

Description: There's a new volunteer task force that is keeping track of Richland students trying to slink away from school. And it's not costing you a cent. They look for funny business during the lunch hour when kids are scattered around campus at Richland and Hanford High. The volunteers work closely with the schools resource officers

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/5/12

Duration:

Description: the program that offers school on Saturday twosome Pasco students. It's not considered a punishment, but rather a chance for kids to get extrahelp. 12 to 15 teachers from different subjects come together to offer their time.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/12/12

Duration:

Description: the Pasco bus driver under investigation, after kindergartner was left wandering the streets after being dropped off from school. We learned that driver remains on paid leave.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/12/12

Duration:

Description: the Pasco School District is gearing up to pass its operating levy next month. Tonight, you can learn more about what's being asked of voters at a meeting at the district office. It's not a new tax. Simply a renewal of what homeowners already pay.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/21/12

Duration:

Description: Prosser High School's principal has been put on paid leave. Kevin Luck was placed on administrative leave this past Thursday.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/22/12

Duration:

Description: enrollment in Burbank's Columbia School District is up one-hundred and fifty students from a year ago. That increase means more federal money will be going to the district

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/23/12

Duration:

Description: following up on the decision to place Prosser High principal Kevin Lusk on administrative leave. The district told our partners at the Tri-City Herald -- that it got some complaints that Kevin Lusk attended the very same events that violated his wife's probation for a child molestation conviction.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/24/12

Duration:

Description: learning more about the suspension involving Prosser High's Principal. The superintendent says Lusk is *still being paid his full salary. The School District tells us it doesn't know how long Kevin Lusk will be on administrative leave.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/2/12

Duration:

Description: Kennewick School District tells KEPR they've sent home two students with "Whooping Cough. "They assure us it's simply a matter of the kids in need of booster shots --a common problem for ten-year olds. There's no sign of it spreading so far.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/3/12

Duration:

Description: More cases of "whooping cough" are coming out of the Kennewick School District.

Officials say a second student from Desert Hills Middle School has the virus-- and a Kamiakin student may be sick as well.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/3/12

Duration:

Description: Pasco schools are doing something different to get their students a high school diploma. In the most recent figures from 2010, KEPR found Pasco Schools had the most on-time graduates of the three-districts in the Tri-Cities. In fact, Pasco graduated roughly 17-percent more students that year -- than the year before.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/9/12

Duration:

Description: it's a seven-day suspension for the principal of Prosser High. Kevin Lusk had been on paid leave since mid-January. But now the investigation into wrongdoing is over, and seven-days of unpaid leave were ordered. The superintendent says Lusk made a mistake by not checking whether his wife could attend Prosser High School functions.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/9/12

Duration:

Description: a local school has figured out how to turn around bad behavior. Walla Walla's Lincoln High School is using a new method of treating students who act out.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/15/12

Duration:

Description: School districts are still breathing a sigh of relief after every levy passed strongly in last night's election tallies. Even though the results aren't final -- they're not expected to change.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/17/12

Duration:

Description: It's a tight squeeze in some C-B-C classrooms -- but teachers are making sure students still get the credits they need.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/17/12

Duration:

Description: Classrooms were *empty in Kennewick and Pasco schools this afternoon. School was released early to make up for state budget cuts.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/19/12

Duration:

Description: A unique program has gone a long way at helping Kennewick Schools save money For the three years, the district has contracted with a *single company to remodel schools That has allowed the district to buy in bulk--- causing it to dodge rising prices.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/20/12

Duration:

Description: Students join together today to help other kids in need. Classmates from Cottonwood and Ridgeview elementariness joined Miss Washington's Outstanding Teen Nicole Renard in raising money through the Coins for Kale program.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/27/12

Duration:

Description: a brief lockdown for a Pendleton middle school after workers found a threatening voicemail. The message was left over the weekend for Sunridge Middle School, but just discovered this morning.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/28/12

Duration:

Description: a day after a school shooting in Ohio -- schools in there-Cities area were locked down following threats of violence. Burbank parents were told to keep their kids at home for the morning while deputies searched the schools.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/29/12

Duration:

Description: The Richland school district is moving ahead with a massive technology upgrade. Many students in the district now use I-Pads and laptops. As a result, Richland schools plan to install new Wi-Fi technology to accommodate everyone

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/8/12

Duration:

Description: the Pasco School District is putting in an order for a dozen new portables to use this fall. This will cost nearly two-and-a-half million dollars.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/12/12

Duration:

Description: Park Middle school send a strong message nearly two weeks after a drive-by shooting stunned the neighborhood. Eighth graders kicked off "Hands Off Drugs" week to speak out against the recent gang activity including drug trafficking in the area.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/14/12

Duration:

Description: The high price of getting your kids to school onetime

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/19/12

Duration:

Description: for KiBe schools. Declining enrollment there means less state money is going into the district. It translates into fewer classes and in turn more kids leaving the schools.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/24/12

Duration:

Description: The Walla Walla school district isn't wasting any time getting their students prepared for the future. They are the only district in the state to have their students take the ACT test.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/29/12

Duration:

Description: We begin tonight with developing details on a story we first broke for you at five. Reports of a gun a Richland Middle School. I just got back from the scene at Chief Joe, after a panic stricken parent called KEPR, desperate for any news after hearing a gun was seen on campus.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/30/12

Duration:

Description: continuing to follow the aftermath at Chief Joseph Middle School, the day after an air-gun turned up on campus. Administrators say they're satisfied with the outcome, and the security at the school.

Local Hanford:

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/9/12

Duration:

Description: The case of a Hanford whistleblower ended up in a local courtroom today. Doctor Walter Tamosaitis was not in court, but his lawyer was. He argued there is enough evidence to move forward with the lawsuit.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 1/11/12

Duration:

Description: A Hanford whistleblower will not see his local case go forward. A Benton County

judge did not find evidence Walter Tamosaitis was retaliated against when he raised safety concerns about the Vit plant.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 3/5/12

Duration:

Description: More free tours at Hanford are up for grabs tonight. About 25-hundred spots are available at midnight. Tours generally fill up within hours -- if not minutes.

CANDIDATES

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date:

Duration:

Description: A rare visit from a GOP Presidential candidate today. Ron Paul's town hall event packed the Hanford House to capacity. The room wasn't just full -- it was overflowing.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/21/12

Duration:

Description: Mitt Romney's *son was in Kennewick, trying to rally support for his father. Josh Romney spoke to voters at the Country Gentleman. He signed autographs and rallied the crowd.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/23/12

Duration:

Description: Newt Gingrich rallied supporters in Kennewick today He is the latest Presidential candidate to visit the Tri-Cities is just the last week.

Program: KEPR-TV News

Date: 2/29/12

Duration:

Description: Santorum will be at Pasco's Red Lion tomorrow at 6:30.He's the third republican candidate to visit the Tri-Cities.